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QOTBZADEH: U.S. RESCUE ATTEMPT 'ACT OF WAR'

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(TEXT) PARIS, APRIL 25 (AFP)--IRANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER SADEQ QOTBZAOEH TODAY SAID OF THE FAILED U.S. ATTEMPT TO RESCUE THE AMERICAN HOSTAGES FROM TEHRAN "IT IS AN ACT OF WAR AGAINST IRAN."

BUT HE HAS ASKED THE MILITANT STUDENTS GUARDING THE HOSTAGES
"NOT TO REACT AS NERVOUSLY AS THE AMERICANS DID," HE ADDED IN A
TELEPHONE INTERVIEW HERE WITH AFP AFTER HEARING PRESIDENT
JIMMY CARTER'S STATEMENT ABOUT THE FAILED MISSION.

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